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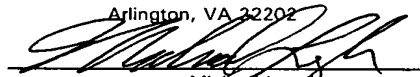
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed December 4, 2002, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment is merely formal in nature and does not change the scope or content of the claim, but is designed to render it grammatically correct.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with amended claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A nucleic acid primer having a 5' end and a 3' end, comprising:
- (a) a first region containing the 5' end of the primer and an immobilization attachment site; and
 - (b) a second region containing the 3' end of the primer and a chemically cleavable site, wherein the 3' end is capable of being extended by an enzyme to generate an extension segment,